

# hearing checklist

Does your child:

## from birth to 3 months:

- Blink or jump when there is a sudden, loud sound
- Wake up or cry to loud sounds
- Quiet or smile when spoken to

## from 3 to 6 months:

- Look in the direction of a sound
- Notice and enjoy toys that make sounds
- Become scared by a loud voice

## from 6 to 9 months:

- Understand easy words like "no" and "bye"
- Babble: "da, da, da" "ba, ba, ba"
- Turn toward soft sounds

## from 9 to 12 months:

- Point to favorite toys and objects when asked
- Understand his/her own name
- Say one or two words

# can your baby

# HEAR



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# you?

**Louisiana Early Hearing  
Detection and Intervention  
Program**

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# We care that your baby hears!



## Congratulations . . . a baby!

We would like to tell you about a program that lets you know if your baby is hearing...your voice, a song, the sounds around him. It is Louisiana's newborn hearing screening program.

## What is newborn hearing screening?

Newborn hearing screening is just a quick check to know if a baby is hearing or if more testing is needed.

Hearing screening does not hurt. In fact, most babies sleep through the test.



## Why does my baby need a hearing test?

If your baby cannot hear well, he or she may have problems learning to talk. If you find a hearing loss early, your child will have the best chance to learn.

## When is hearing screening done?

Hearing screening is done while your baby is in the hospital. The best time to screen is when your baby is quiet and comfortable.

## How will I find out about the results?

The results should be explained to you before you leave the hospital.

You and your baby's doctor will receive a copy of the results.

Hearing Screening Results		
	RIGHT	LEFT
Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further testing needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## What if my baby passes the hearing screening?

The screening tells how your baby hears at the time of the test. Sometimes a hearing problem can show up as your baby gets older.

- ▶ Use the **hearing checklist** on the back.
- ▶ Talk with your baby's doctor if you have concerns.

## What if I am told that my baby needs more testing?

The hospital will refer you to an **audiologist**, a person trained to do infant hearing testing.

- ▶ **Don't wait!** Take your baby to that appointment!
- ▶ Your baby may not have a hearing loss. More testing must be done to find out for sure.



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